

Soviet Reporters All Double as KGB Agents, Defector Says

LONDON (AP)—All Soviet news correspondents abroad are secret-police agents to some extent and send information to Moscow tailored to suit the Kremlin's point of view, a former KGB officer who defected last month was quoted as saying in an interview in The Times of London on Friday.

As a result, defector Ilya Dzhirkvelov was quoted as saying, Soviet leaders receive and even act on this "disinformation," giving them a distorted picture of world events.

The newspaper said Dzhirkvelov, who defected to Britain with his wife and daughter, was a full-time KGB intelligence officer until 1956, when he became a correspondent with Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

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